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Okotobadesuga, Ojou-sama

My memories begin from when I was seven years old.

Anything before that draws a blank.

I was called

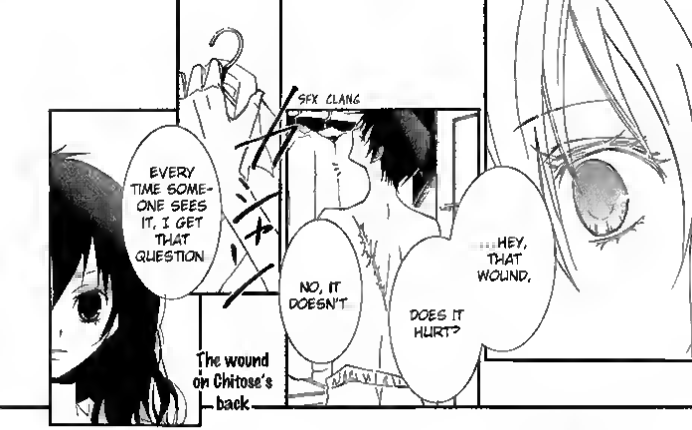
by what I came to know as my name.

Okotobadesuga,
Ojou-sama

blinks
sigh
...NOT AGAIN...
OJOU-SAMA
MOMOKA-SAMA.
I'M TIRED... I'M GOING TO SLEEP MORE
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT, HOWEVER IT'S QUITE A BOTHER.
IF YOU ARE GOING TO CONTINUE SLEEPING, PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR ROOM
WAKE UP!

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ENTERING A SERVANT'S ROOM, LET ALONE GOING INTO THEIR BED
I HAD A BAD DREAM
SERVANTS NOWADAYS ARE LIKE IDIOTS.
FOR GENERATIONS, THE DESTINY OF THE KUDOU FAMILY IS TO SERVE THE ROKUDOUGATSUJI FAMILY.
"NOWADAYS" IS COMPLETELY UNRELATED.
My family, the Rokudougatsuji family, is said to be the descendants of Momotarou. It's a noble family, so to speak.

There are three houses that imitate the dog, monkey, and pheasant in Momotarou's fairy tale.
Kudou Chitose's of the "dog" family lineage and as part of the direct descent, he's my attendant.
My dog.
BUT REALLY, COULD YOU PLEASE LEAVE?
WHA...
flap
I'D LIKE TO CHANGE.
CHITOSE, YOU'RE SO RUDE!
PARDON ME.
OH, WHAT A RELIEF.
YOU REMEMBERED THAT YOU INSENSITIVELY ENTERED A MAN'S BEDROOM AND YOU FEEL LIKE YOU WANT TO DIE.
YOU IDIOT!
HOW INSENSITIVE!


SFX CLANG
EVERY TIME SOMEONE SEES IT, I GET THAT QUESTION
NO, IT DOESN'T
....HEY, THAT WOUND,
DOES IT HURT?
The wound on Chitose's back

It came from an "incident" that happened eight years ago apparently

That "incident" is nowhere in my memories.

In this house,

no one speaks of the "incident".

MOMOKA-SAN,
TODAY, YOU TURNED FIFTEEN, YES?
YES.
YOUR FATHER'S LAST REQUEST WAS TO BE SURE THAT YOU BECOME THE HEAD OF THE ROKUDOUGA-TSUJI FAMILY WHEN YOU TURN FIFTEEN.
...OF COURSE, YOU ARE STILL NOT OF AGE, SO YOU WILL BE THE HEAD IN NAME.
...The head of the house...
SO, IN THIS FAMILY, I'M THE MOST SUITABLE?
THAT'S RIGHT.
AND SO, IN THE SPRING, MAY I GO TO SCHOOL?
IT'S FINE IF IT'S THE SAME SCHOOL AS CHITOSE.

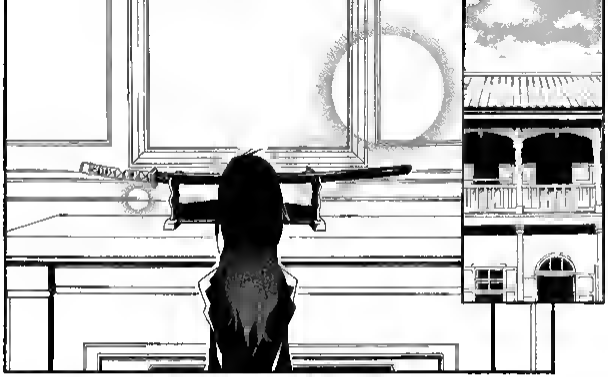
YOUR BODY IS FRAIL, SO YOU CAN'T GO.
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT MY BODY IS THAT WEAK.
IT'S NOT ONLY ABOUT YOUR AS THE BODY NEXT HEAD, THERE IS SOMETHING THAT YOU LACK.
IS IT ABOUT MY MEMORY?
THERE'S MORE THAN THAT.
RETURN TO YOUR ROOM
Not once
WHAT A STRANGE HOUSE...
did she look at my face.

DOES THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY HAVE TO DO SECRET WORK?
I FEEL AS IF THEY SHOULD BE DIFFERENT'
HOW SO?
THAT'S WHAT OLD FAMILIES ARE.
IT'S ALL SECRET WORK AND OFF LIMITS
THAT'S QUITE A CHEAP IMAGE YOU HAVE
LIKE THIS
MORE LIKE... PEOPLE SHOULD FAWN OVER ME AND TREAT ME LIKE I'M IMPORTANT ...
CREAK
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE
...OH, THAT'S RIGHT, MOMOKA-SAMA
THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST GIVE YOU.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MOMOKA-SAMA
?!
CHITO-SE...
SFX HEAVY
falls
IT'S SO HEAVY!
ARE THERE ROCKS IN HERE?!
?!
I WOULD NOT GIVE YOU SUCH A THING AS A PRESENT
IT IS A LITERATURE COLLECTION SET
AS I SEE IT, YOU ONLY READ COMICS, SO I THOUGHT THAT YOUR WAY OF THING IS... WELL, YOU KNOW
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
I BELIEVE THAT ALSO READING BOOKS WOULD BALANCE IT OUT
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO TELL ME THAT!
THERE IS ACTUALLY ALL EFFORTS WOULD BE USELESS IF WE WERE TO HAVE A DUMB MASTER, WOULD WE NOT?

Every year

only Chitose celebrates my birthday.



The family heirloom. Momotarou's sword.
Is it the real thing?
Slowly
YOU MUSTN'T!

OJOU-SAMA! YOU MUSTN'T TOUCH THAT!
EVEN THOUGH IT'S BEEN TOUCHED MANY TIMES BEFORE THIS?
!
THIS ISN'T GOOD. YOU MUST STOP ...
BUT WHY AM I NOT ALLOWED TO TOUCH IT?!
T... THAT'S . I CANNOT TELL YOU
MOMOKA-SAMA.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ARE YOU BOTHERING HER?
CHITOSE!
LET ME GO!
EXCUSE HER. YOU CAN GO.
OH... OKAY ...

GYA!
lifts
...
I WAS BORED!
I CAN'T GO OUTSIDE, SO I SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO EXPLORE THE HOUSE!
YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO.
ba-thump
OH, OKAY, OKAY
Y...
YOUR FACE IS TOO CLOSE!!
GOING OUTSIDE OF THE HOUSE AND TOUCHING THAT SWORD,
YOU ARE FORBIDDEN FROM DOING BOTH OF THOSE THINGS.

...The percentage of stories with a protagonist with no memories where "the past is a major incident" is high...
sigh
SHUTS
For instance, if I...
IF IT WAS MY FAULT THAT CHITOSE GOT THAT WOUND...
Ha
Huh? Saying it out loud is scaring me...
I'M GOING TO SLEEP NOW!
PLOP

SFX: DISAPPEARS
No,
if you don't call me by my name
I'll
forget it.
NO!
SFX: AWAF

SFX: FAINT SX
creak
AGAIN? YOU...

MOMOKA-SAMA?
MY NAME, SAY IT
SAY MY NAME..!
MOMOKA-SAMA.
SAY IT...
MOMOKA-SAMA.

MOMOKA-SAMA.

GOOD MORNING
!
CHITOSE— YOU DIDN'T SLEEP?
WE SHOULD NOT SLEEP TOGETHER, CORRECT?
"Because it is my duty."
I know that already.
I-IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU WENT TO SLEEP THINGS LIKE ALL-NIGHTERS YOU SHOULDN'T DO THEM
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY YOURSELF OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS
I EXIST TO SERVE YOU, AFTER ALL.
HPMH. THEN I GUESS IT'S FINE IF THEY GET MAD AT YOU FOR NODDING OFF!
WHAT WAS THAT? WOULD YOU LIKE TO START A FIGHT?

SFX: KNOCK KNOCK
OJOU-SAMA,
MADAM IS CALLING FOR YOU...
...Mother?
—HUH?
I don't like...
Chitose is at school...
...meeting with that woman by myself...
OJOU-SAMA.
YES!
I'M COMING!

I SAID THAT YOUR ENGAGEMENT HAS BEEN DECIDED
...WHAT?!
OF COURSE, BOTH OF YOU ARE STILL UNDERAGE, SO IT'S ONLY A PROMISE IN WORDS
HUH... WAIT...? WITH WHO ...
WITH THE KIBITSUKE FAMILY'S ..
I DON'T KNOW THEM!
WHY ARE YOU CHOOSING FOR ME ?!
IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF THE ROKUDOU-GATSUJI FAMILY
AREN'T I THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY?
thump

I DID NOT EXPECT THAT FROM SOMEONE LIKE YOU WHO HAS FORGOTTEN THE ROLE OF THE ROKUDOU-GATSUJI FAMILY
WELL SAID
WITH THAT SAID, I BELIEVE IT'S TIME CHITOSE RETURNS TO THE KUDOU HOUSE AS WELL
WHAT ?!
IT HAS BEEN A CUSTOM FOR A LONG TIME THAT HE SHOULD STAY WITH YOU. NOW, YOU NO LONGER NEED CHITOSE.
TO HAVE A MAN AS YOUR SERVANT BY YOUR SIDE IS NOT GOOD FOR THE OTHER PARTY.
THIS DISCUSSION IS OVER
... WHAT THE HECK?

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE ENGAGEMENT OR ANYTHING!
What the heck? Saying all of that as she wishes!!
Even I...
runs
That's right! Even I can do as I wish! I can't obediently sit around and listen to her!!
And that's
to take this sword and go outside!!
smirk
...Now I'll do the best act of rebellion.

OJOU-SAMA!
YOU MUSTN'T!
SFX SLAM
SFX IGNORES
That's right
I'm going to leave this house.
I don't want to be in a house like this
GRAB
I've never went out beyond this gate..

SFX: CREAK
AH.
CHITOSE
DON'T MOVE!!
MOMOKA-SAMA?!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING
MOMOKA-SAMA!
I'M LEAVING THIS HOUSE!
HURRY AND GO INSIDE!
DON'T GO BEYOND THE GATE!
SFX "GLOOMY
...Huh?

SFX SLASH
SFX GRAB
SFX RUN
GET PAST THE GATE!
SFX CLOSES
SFX SILENCE

WHAT...
WHAT WAS THAT?!
A DEMON.
HUH?
A DEMON
AREN'T YOU A DESCENDANT OF MOMOTAROU?
THE ROKUDOUGATSUJI FAMILY ARE DESCENDANTS OF MOMOTAROU FOR GENERATIONS, IT HAS BEEN HUNTED ON BY THE DEMONS
EH? THEN, THEY'LL ATTACK ME, TOO?
THEY WILL NOT ATTACK YOU
THEY WERE ABLE TO BEFORE
THE INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED EIGHT YEARS AGO,
YOU WERE TORMENTED BY A DEMON

Oh, so that's what she meant when she said "I forgot the role of the Rokudogatsuji family."
It wasn't just my memory that I lost
I lost my nobility value.
That's why she looks down on me and acts so distant.
SFX: JOLT
JEEZ, THIS IS ANNOYING !!
IF THAT'S THE CASE
THEN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO HAVE BEEN EATEN BY THAT DEMON!
CAN YOU GIVE ME A HAND?

SLAP
WHAT
WHAT ARE YOU
DURING THAT INCIDENT EIGHT YEARS AGO, YOU SAVED ME AND LOST YOUR MEMORIES, RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.
AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO DIE BEFORE MY EYES?!

DON'T SCREW AROUND WITH ME.
I DECIDED THAT NO MATTER WHAT, I'M GOING TO PROTECT YOU.
I WON'T ALLOW IT.
FOREVER... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
MOTHER SAID THAT SHE ENGAGED ME TO SOMEONE. SHE SAID THAT YOU WERE GOING TO RETURN TO THE KUDOU HOUSEHOLD, CHITOSE
EVEN SO, I'LL STAY WITH YOU.

I DON'T CARE IF YOU ARE VOWED TO BE WITH SOMEONE ELSE!
I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU GO! I'M NEVER LETTING YOU GO!
...CHITOSE
YOU...
YOU TRULY ARE MY DOG...

I HAVE NO CHOICE THEN,
I'LL KEEP YOU FOREVER.
MOMOKA-SAMA!
When I call your name,

So it'll start with you.

END